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To VIKTOR. [i]

1. GNAT [KOMAR] [ii] told TULIP [TUL'PAN] [iii] that he had a friend in our firm, K. RLOV, [iv] through whom he found out that his mistress NINA [v] (he did not mention the surname), whose father and husband had been arrested, was a probationer of ours. After GNAT's first article in "Cosmopolitan" G. [K.] broke with Don LEVIN [vi] because the latter signed the article as co-author. LEVIN in reply to this accused G. of commercialism and pettiness and said that the latter [3 groups unrecovered] questions of money and that he was duty bound as a citizen of the COUNTRY [STRANA] [vii] to keep an eye on the behaviour of a type like G. and that the latter still had to give proof of his sincerity to the government of the COUNTRY. At this point G. decided to take [24 groups unrecoverable] Max EASTMAN. [viii]

In a conversation with a certain Nadezhda Ivanovna MEDVEDEVA, [ix] OLA [x] discovered that G. is living at the address 209 West 97th Street.

ZENZINOV [xi] told OLA [2 groups unrecovered] G. would be [4 group unrecovered] in a month's time. G.'s first wife was said to have worked with us since she was threatened that her first husband - an agricultural expert, who had been accused of being a saboteur, - would be persecuted. In SMYRNA [xii] G. began living with his second wife who also was said to have worked with us [and] to have been in ISTANBUL, in PARIS, in ITALY and in SWITZERLAND. In CARTHAGE [xiii] G. is said to have received a letter from her saying that the parents he had left behind had

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died and that she wanted to give up her work.

2. ESTRINA<sup>[xiv]</sup> told TULIP [24 groups unrecoverable] Louis FISCHER.<sup>[xv]</sup> Details are being ascertained.

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MAY<sup>[MAJ]</sup><sup>[xvi]</sup>

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] GNAT : Victor Andreevich KRAVCHENKO

[iii] TULIP : Mark ZBOROWSKI.

[iv] KARLOV : Not known.

[v] NINA : Not known.

[vi] LEVIN : Isaac Don LEVIN.

[vii] COUNTRY: UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

[viii] EASTMAN: Presumably Max EASTMAN, author, editor, and translator.

[ix] MEDVEDEVA: Not known.

[x] OLGA : Christina KRATKOVA, who became typist and translator to KRAVCHENKO in 1945.

[xi] ZENZINOV: Vladimir ZENZINOV, Editor of "Za Svoboda".

[xii] SMIRNA : MOSCOW.

[xiii] CARTHAGE: WASHINGTON, D.C.

[xiv] ESTRINA: Lydia ESTRINA, later Mrs. David J. DALLIN.

[xv] FISCHER: Presumably Louis FISCHER, the author.

[xvi] MAJ : Stepan APRESYAN.

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